IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant

: Blake Ming Qi Dong, et al.

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Application No.

: 09/944,534

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Title

: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROL AND

DISTRIBUTION OF VALUE BEARING ITEMS IN A PC POSTAGE

SYSTEM

Grp./Div.

: 3639

Examiner

: Shannon S. Saliard

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Commissioner for Patents

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated April 19, 2007 for one month(s) from July 19, 2007 to August 19, 2007.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

| CALCULATION OF FEE | | | |
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| LENGTH OF EXTENSION | SMALL ENTITY | LARGE ENTITY | FEE |
| WITHIN FIRST MONTH | \$ 60 | \$ 120 | \$60 |
| WITHIN SECOND MONTH | \$ 225 | \$ 450 | \$ |
| WITHIN THIRD MONTH | \$ 510 | \$ 1020 | \$ |
| WITHIN FOURTH MONTH | \$ 795 | \$1590 | \$ |
| WITHIN FIFTH MONTH | \$1080 | \$2160 | \$ |

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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